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SUBJECT: JORDAN ARMED FORCES BRIEFED ON IRAQ COALITION

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[B](#). AGUIRRE-WADHWANI SEP 2008 E-MAILS

[C](#). WALKER-GREGONIS SEP 2008 E-MAILS

Classified By: DCM Lawrence Mandel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#). (S) PolCouns and DATT delivered Ref A demarche to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Khaled Sarayreh on September 29. Emboffs paid special attention to the ramifications for Jordan's field hospital in Fallujah, Iraq, and its Special Operations Forces protecting the hospital. Emboffs explained that U.S. CENTCOM has not yet determined whether Coalition Support Funds (CSF) will remain available to the field hospital beyond 2008, but that the Embassy would keep the GOJ apprised.

[2](#). (S) Sarayreh was initially skeptical that Jordan could maintain the hospital in Fallujah if it were not under the U.S. umbrella, but subsequently suggested that Jordan could do so as long as either the USG or Government of Iraq (GOI) provided funding and security. Sarayreh concluded by articulating three options: the hospital remains under the U.S. umbrella, both in terms of security and funding; the GOI funds and protects the hospital; or Jordan withdraws the hospital.

[3](#). (S) Post will continue to work the funding issue with CENTCOM and the interagency, and will reengage the GOJ with final options.

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